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1. Following geological surveys and test drillings, it was decided to build the Orlik Dam near Orlik (N 49--30, E 14--10) at a place on the Vltava River just north of the villages of Orlické Zlakovice and Zbenické Zlakovice, at a point about 20 miles southeast of Píbram.
2. Construction work began on 1 October 1954, and the project is to be completed in six years. Currently a new road, a new bridge over the Vltava, and miscellaneous buildings are under construction. Preparatory work on the dam itself consists, as of January 1955, of blasting the cliffs on both banks.
3. Exact dimensions of the dam have not been ascertained, but workers employed on the project estimate that it will be three times the size of the Slapy Dam and that the hydroelectric power stations will have about three times the capacity of Slapy. Early in December 1954 about 300 men were working on this project, but more men are to be brought here as soon as the construction crews finish the last finishing work on the recently completed Slapy project.
4. All building material is delivered to the Milín (N49-38, E 14--03) railroad station, 15 kilometers northwest of this site. It is then hauled by truck over the road via Smoloteky to Dolní Lisnice and from there over a new road, completed in December 1954, which follows the Lisnice Brook down to the banks of the Vltava River.
5. A bridge is being built to carry this new road across the Vltava to the main construction site on the right bank. This bridge will be of reinforced concrete and will rest on two pillars, one on each bank. These were ready by the end of December 1954.
6. Workers' billets and canteen have been completed. Workshops, carpentry shops, foundry, etc., are being built on the slopes of Hill 437. A concrete-mixing plant is being built on top of Hill 437 and will be the largest in Czechoslovakia. Materials will be hauled to this point by the new road and

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bridge and then by overhead cable cars. Gravel and sand will be obtained from the Vltava River, at a point about two kilometers north of the site. Cliffs on either side of the river are being dynamited to make room for the dam.

7. Precise dimensions of the proposed reservoir are not known. It is known, however, that the inhabitants will be evacuated from the two villages of Orlické Zlakovice and Zbenické Zlakovice, as well as from sites farther south. These people will be moved to Solenice, where new houses are being built for them. New blocks of apartments are also being built in Milín to accommodate some of those working on the site. People in the above villages have been notified that they will have to move in the course of the year 1955.
8. Work on the project proceeded very slowly during December, because of the shortage of labor. In spite of notices posted in surrounding communities as far as Příbram, recruitment of workers was quite inadequate. The Ministry of Building has not yet allocated transportation to carry workers from one site to another and this has caused much dissatisfaction.



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